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Memorandum for Messrs. Henson  
Holtzman  
Greer ✓  
Pepples  
Stevens  
Witt

Re: Dr. Rodger L. Bick

Gentlemen:

During 1983, Dr. Rodger Bick completed his pilot study of lung cancer in Kern County, California for the period 1978 through 1982. This study cost approximately \$36,000.

Dr. Bick's research involved the collection and analysis of data relating to the 578 cases of lung cancer reported in the County during the study period. Several of his preliminary findings were of interest. For example, the age of diagnosis of lung cancer is independent of smoking history.

Dr. Bick would like to continue this study with regard to cases of lung cancer diagnosed in 1983 and 1984. He would also like to investigate other cancer sites. Dr. Bick estimates that the cost of continuing this study through the end of 1984 would be approximately \$23,000. Enclosed is Dr. Bick's preliminary proposal and request for further funding.

I have discussed this matter with Dr. Sommers and he is of the view that this research has scientific merit and should continue to be supported. I recommend that

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we continue to support this research as a CTR Special Project and I look forward to hearing from you with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,




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Enclosure

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